

THE WATER GAP TIMES

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BOROUGH INFORMATION

Robert Gallagher, Mayor

Council Members:

Wayne MacWilliams, Council President

William Buzzard, Council Vice President

Elvi De Lotto

Susan Wilson

Eileen Noelle White

George Munn

John Shoemaker

Council Meetings: 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!

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Municipal Authority Members:

James Reynolds, Chairman

Roxanne Kaiser-Antonowich, Vice Chairman

Martin Wilson, Secretary

Frank Davis, Treasurer

Brandon Reish, Member

Municipal Authority Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!

Borough Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (570) 476-0331

Office Secretary/Treasurer Ileana Hernandez

Superintendent Robert Gallagher

Municipal Authority: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (570) 424-0433

Office Secretary Noreen Purcell

DWG Police Department: Hours Vary Monthly (570) 476-4674

Police Chief Jeffrey Williams - Officer Santos Rolon, Jr.

police@dwgpa.gov

PA State Police: (570) 839-7701

Emergencies Only 911

Robert E. Clarkson

Robert E. Clarkson, born and raised in Delaware Water Gap, passed away on April 15th of this year. Bob was a dedicated community leader, serving on Borough Council for many years. He was ever mindful of the needs of the citizens in this community. He was a warm and caring man who loved to meet and chat with residents of the town, something he often did at the Post Office. Bob was the chairperson of the Borough maintenance committee. He saw to it, among other things, that our roads were kept in good condition and plowed each winter. He could often be seen riding with Bob and Dick Gallagher in the borough truck inspecting the town to see what needed to be done. He took the privilege of voting as a duty. A committed Democrat he nevertheless would transport citizens otherwise unable to get to the polls to vote no matter what their party affiliation. He voted in the November 2014 election in spite of failing health. He was a man of integrity and a great loss to this community. At its June meeting the Borough Council voted to name Town Hall's meeting room the "Robert E. Clarkson Meeting Room" in his honor and memory.

Welcome Shannon Almanzar

The Paint Lounge and Gallery is now open in Delaware Water Gap on 84 Main Street. This is a creative space hosted by artist Shannon Almanzar. It specializes in wine and sip events and guided paint session. Art from local artists on display and painting supplies are available for walk-ins who are feeling the creative urge. Feel free to drop in anytime. Thursday, Fridays 11 am - 6 pm, Saturday 11 am - 7 pm, and Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm. Stop in to meet Shannon and perhaps book a paint party with your friends.

Notice to DWG Residents

The Borough has started billing the water and garbage separately. You will have two separate bills in this mailing one for water and one for garbage. The water bill will continue to be made out to "Borough of Delaware Water Gap - Water Fund" and the garbage bill will be made out to "Borough of Delaware Water Gap - Sanitation Fund".

Condolence to the families & friends of community members who passed away this year.

Brian D. Martin - February 14, 2015

Rita Ann Gallagher - March 1, 2015

Rick Chamberlain - March 27, 2015

Robert E. Clarkson - April 15, 2015

William M. Crowl - May 31, 2015

Dutot Museum

Dutot Museum is looking for volunteer members. All are welcome and invited to attend our monthly meetings the fourth Wednesday of every month, March through October, at 7:30 pm at the museum.

Here's some exciting DWG events to mark on your Calendars

Saturday, September 5th

NKP #765 excursion from Steamtown to Delaware Water Gap Borough- 9 am - 5 pm
(Online ticketing only - visit <http://fortwaynerrailroad.org>) Look for flyers announcing day events.

September 11th, 12th, & 13th

Annual COTA Jazz Festival - music, art, crafts, gifts, and food vendors. www.cotajazz.org



Beautification Corner

The Beautification Committee has been busy this Spring. We took part in the Great American Cleanup in PA on April 25th by picking up litter in the borough. Thanks to Barbara Lantz, Francis Crank, Jim, Teri, James & Thea Dellaria, Michael & Elvi DeLotto, Valerie Ganci, Val & Jeff Higbee, Carol Matheson, and Susan Wilson for taking part.

The borough banners are up they look great! Thanks to those of you who sponsored a banner and also to Bob and Alan for hanging them.

The Veterans Memorial was cleaned up, mulched and flowers planted. Thank you to Susan and Charlie Cooper at the Village Farmer for generously donating the flowers. Thanks to Valerie Ganci, Dawn Kohl, and Marty and Susan Wilson for getting the job done.

Thanks to Val Higbee who planted the window flower boxes at borough hall.

The committee just finished planting a garden at borough hall. Thanks to the volunteers who did the mulching and planting and to those who donated the plants including Jeanette Buzzard, Elvi DeLotto, Valerie Ganci, Val & Jeff Higbee, Andrea Keibler, Bob Rezny, Jack Shoemaker, and Susan Wilson.

The next project will be a pocket park near the borough hall. We will be mulching and placing benches and a picnic table for the enjoyment of our residents. We will also be making improvements to the steps and railing leading up to the building.

The committee is looking for donations of hostas in the fall to continue with the planting started last fall along the right side of the borough hall driveway and parking area.

The committee will be selling notecards as a fundraiser to fund future projects. They will be available to purchase at the borough office and at the Dutot Museum.

Recycling is Mandatory - <http://recycleoftenrecycleright.com/resources/>

Home Improvements

If you are planning to do any new construction or expansion contact the Borough Zoning Office Larry Freshcorn at 570-476-0542 to find out if you will need a Zoning or Building Permit. Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc. is the source to go for building information, call Michael Tripus at 570-344-9681.



Keep Delaware Water Gap *Clean and Beautiful*

The debris that has been blown into your properties will begin to appear. You can help by picking up the garbage and any litter around your property. DWG Borough Ordinance 180 states “it is unlawful for any person to accumulate or store any junked, abandoned or discarded vehicle, trailer, boat, appliance or household furnishing on private or public property within the Borough of DWG.” Garbage service in the Borough includes the pickup of large and bulk household items weekly at curbside. Waste Management will pick up tires without rims, brush bundled and tied up. Call Waste Management at 800-869-5566 for additional information on what they will pick up. For information on electronic recycling call Monroe County Municipal Waste Authority at 570-643-6100. Let’s work to keep the Borough clean and beautiful!

